Part 13 Action by Member

16-16-1301 Derivative action.

A member may maintain a derivative action to enforce a right of a limited cooperative association if:

- (1) the member demands that the association bring an action to enforce the right; and
- (2) any of the following occur:
 - (a) the association does not, not later than 90 days after the member makes the demand, agree to bring the action:
 - (b) the association notifies the member that it has rejected the demand;
 - (c) irreparable harm to the association would result by waiting 90 days after the member makes the demand; or
 - (d) the association agrees to bring an action demanded and fails to bring the action within a reasonable time.

Enacted by Chapter 363, 2008 General Session

16-16-1302 Proper plaintiff.

- (1) A derivative action to enforce a right of a limited cooperative association may be maintained only by a person that:
 - (a) is a member or a dissociated member at the time the action is commenced and:
 - (i) was a member when the conduct giving rise to the action occurred; or
 - (ii) whose status as a member devolved upon the person by operation of law or the organic rules from a person that was a member at the time of the conduct; and
 - (b) adequately represents the interests of the association.
- (2) If the sole plaintiff in a derivative action dies while the action is pending, the court may permit another member who meets the requirements of Subsection (1) to be substituted as plaintiff.

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16-16-1303 Pleading.

In a derivative action to enforce a right of a limited cooperative association, the complaint shall state:

- (1) the date and content of the plaintiff's demand under Subsection 16-16-1301(1) and the association's response;
- (2) if 90 days have not expired since the demand, how irreparable harm to the association would result by waiting for the expiration of 90 days; and
- (3) if the association agreed to bring an action demanded, that the action has not been brought within a reasonable time.

Amended by Chapter 378, 2010 General Session

16-16-1304 Approval for discontinuance or settlement.

A derivative action to enforce a right of a limited cooperative association may not be discontinued or settled without the court's approval.

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16-16-1305 Proceeds and expenses.

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection (2):
 - (a) any proceeds or other benefits of a derivative action to enforce a right of a limited cooperative association, whether by judgment, compromise, or settlement, belong to the association and not to the plaintiff; and
 - (b) if the plaintiff in the derivative action receives any proceeds, the plaintiff shall immediately remit them to the association.
- (2) If a derivative action to enforce a right of a limited cooperative association is successful in whole or in part, the court may award the plaintiff reasonable expenses, including reasonable attorney fees and costs, from the recovery of the association.

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